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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
KAREN J. SCHOENIAN, R.N.,	:	LS0509089NUR
RESPONDENT.	:	

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Division of Enforcement Case # 04 NUR 202

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Karen J. Schoenian, R.N.  
2531 Jason Dr.  
Appleton, WI 54915

Division of Enforcement  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Board of Nursing  
Department of Regulation & Licensing  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Karen J. Schoenian, R.N., (DOB 10/03/1959) is duly licensed as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license # 30-86081). This license was first granted on 09/01/1983.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 2531 Jason Drive, Appleton, WI 54915.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a registered nurse in Wisconsin.
4. On or about June 30, 2004, Respondent was working at Affinity Health on its Subacute Care Clinic.
5. A diabetic patient was transferred to the unit at 2:25 p.m. Respondent's shift began at 2:45 p.m. and she was assigned to this patient.

6. Although Respondent was aware that the patient was a diabetic, she did not take his blood sugar at 4:00 p.m. when it was due. Respondent claims that she evaluated the patient 2-3 hours later, but this is not documented. The first documented blood sugar reading was at 9:00 p.m.

7. Respondent's shift ended at 11:15 p.m. At 11:45 p.m. she took a call from the lab regarding a test for the same patient that was abnormal. Although hospital policy required the person who took the call to follow up and notify the physician, Respondent did not do so. She passed the information on to another R.N. and left.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §441.07(1)(d), [\[smg1\]](#) and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described in paragraphs 4-7 above constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § NR 7.04.

### ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The license of Karen J. Schoenian, R.N., to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin is **REPRIMANDED**.

2. Respondent, at her own expense, shall participate in and satisfactorily complete at least 8 hours of continuing education in the care of the diabetic patient within 90 days of the date on which this Order is signed. Before taking the course, Respondent shall request and receive approval of the course from the Board of Nursing. Acceptable documentation of course completion shall include:

(a) Certification from the sponsoring organization;

(b) A statement signed by Respondent verifying her attendance at and completion of course requirements, as well as (if required by the Board) a statement signed by a proctor approved by the Board verifying Respondent's attendance and completion of course requirements; and

(c) If requested by the Department Monitor, proof of successful completion of a post-test acceptable to the Board and/ or submission of other documentation of course content comprehension acceptable to the Board.

3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) dollars. Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor  
Division of Enforcement  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Telephone (608) 267-3817  
Fax (608) 266-2264

3. In the event Respondent fails to pay costs as ordered or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education, the Respondent's license(#30-86081) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order. [\[smg2\]](#)

4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Board of Nursing

By: Jacqueline Johnsrud, RN  
A Member of the Board

September 8, 2005  
Date

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[\[smg1\]](#) This should be deleted/ changed to a blank

[\[smg2\]](#) This section should be the standard summary suspension provision: **Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.** Where the terms of discipline consist of a forfeiture, costs or continuing education, alternative "self-effectuating" language should be utilized. E.g.: **In the event Respondent fails to timely submit any payment of the forfeiture as set forth above, the Respondent's license(#1550) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.**